

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

VIRAVETH KOC,

Petitioner,

v.

MERRICK GARLAND, et al.,

Respondents.

CASE NO. 2:24-CV-01355-JLR-DWC

ORDER GRANTING MOTION AND  
APPOINTING FEDERAL PUBLIC  
DEFENDER

This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2241 immigration habeas action. Petitioner has filed a motion to appoint counsel. (Dkt. 2.) Having considered the motion, petitioner's financial eligibility, and the balance of the record, the Court finds and ORDERS:

(1) The Court is in receipt of a letter from the Federal Public Defender's Office indicating this case falls within the class of cases potentially governed by *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). Dkt. 2-1. Because of the complex issues involved in this case, the interests of justice require that counsel be appointed for petitioner. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). As required by statute, petitioner has demonstrated financial eligibility for such appointment. *See*

1 Dkt. 2. Accordingly, petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is GRANTED. The Court  
2 appoints the Federal Public Defender to represent petitioner in these proceedings.

3 The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to petitioner, to the Federal Public Defender, to  
4 counsel for respondents, and to the Honorable James L. Robart.

5 Dated this 4th day of September, 2024.

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